

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism including:

a ~~biased~~ spool having said a belt wound thereon for movement in a biased retracting direction and an opposite extending direction ~~[[,]]~~ ~~said spool biased to retract~~ ~~said belt~~;

a pawl and ratchet mechanism mounted for selective engagement with the spool for preventing rotation of ~~said the~~ spool in a ~~the direction of retraction~~ retracting direction;

a ~~biased~~ cam member ~~having an engagement surface, said cam member~~ biased to an engagement position wherein ~~said an~~ engagement surface of the cam member engages ~~said the~~ belt, thereby preventing movement of ~~said the~~ belt ~~and moveable to an open position~~; and

an actuator moveable between an open setting and a closed setting, wherein ~~said the~~ actuator is manually operable to ~~said the~~ open setting to release ~~said the~~ pawl and ratchet mechanism ~~and furthermore~~ to thereby cause ~~said the~~ cam member to move from ~~said the~~ engagement position to ~~said an~~ open position, ~~thereby~~ allowing ~~said the~~ belt to ~~be moveable~~ move in the retracting direction.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein on actuation of ~~said the~~ actuator from ~~said the~~ open setting to ~~said the~~ closed setting, ~~the said~~ pawl and ratchet mechanism reengages, thereby preventing rotation of ~~said the~~ spool.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein, on actuation of ~~said the~~ actuator from ~~said the~~ open setting to ~~said the~~ closed setting, ~~said the~~ cam member moves from ~~said the~~ open position to ~~said the~~ engagement position.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims claim 1~~, wherein ~~said the~~ actuator includes biasing means, ~~said biasing means to bias said~~ ~~for biasing the~~ actuator to ~~said the~~ closed setting from ~~said the~~ open setting on release of ~~said the~~ actuator.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims claim 1~~, wherein ~~said the~~ cam member is mounted for pivotable movement, and includes a cam arm abutting ~~said the~~ actuator, ~~said the~~ cam arm located at an opposite end to ~~said the~~ engagement surface, wherein, on movement of

~~said the actuator to said the open setting from said the closed setting, said the cam member is caused to rotate~~ from an engagement position to an open position.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~said the~~ engagement surface includes grippers for engages engaging ~~said the~~ belt ~~by gripping said belt between~~ said the engagement surface and an inlet surface, ~~said the~~ inlet surface forming part of an inlet for ~~said the~~ seat belt retraction mechanism into which ~~said the~~ belt is retracted.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in claim 6, wherein, ~~whilst while said the~~ actuator is in ~~said the~~ closed setting, retraction of ~~said the~~ belt causes ~~said the~~ cam member to rotate to reduce the distance between ~~said the~~ engagement surface and ~~said the~~ inlet surface, thereby causing ~~said the~~ belt to be gripped more tightly.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ engagement surface includes a number of ridges or teeth to engage ~~said the~~ belt.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 5, wherein ~~said the~~ actuator is retained in substantially linear slots to guide movement of ~~said the~~ actuator when acting against ~~said the~~ cam arm.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ actuator further includes the pawl of ~~said the~~ pawl and ratchet mechanism.

Claims 11 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in claim 10, wherein ~~said the~~ actuator and ~~said the~~ pawl are of unitary construction.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A belt retraction mechanism as claimed in ~~any one of claims 6 to 11~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ actuator further includes a handle, ~~said handle arranged to be~~ operable from a location substantially opposite to ~~said the~~ inlet of ~~said the~~ belt retraction mechanism into which ~~said the~~ belt is retracted.